UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON – EXPEDITED COURSE CHANGE PROPOSAL
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Submitted by: Nicole Crowder
Department/Discipline and Course Number: CHEM 317
Course Title: Biochemistry I

Type of change (check all applicable):
Course Number* _____ Title _____ Credits _____ Description _____ Prerequisites __X__ Deletion _____
* This course number must be approved by the Office of the Registrar before the proposal is submitted.

Effective Date: FALL Semester, Year _2014______________________________

Current Catalog Entry

317, 318 – Biochemistry I, II (3, 3)
Prerequisite: CHEM 212. The application of chemical principles to the study and understanding of the living state. Only in sequence.

Proposed Catalog Entry

317, 318 – Biochemistry I, II (3, 3)
Prerequisite: a grade of C or better in CHEM 212. The application of chemical principles to the study and understanding of the living state. Only in sequence.

JUSTIFICATION (including impact on majors, minors, concentrations, and general education courses within the University curriculum; attach additional pages if required)

This change is necessary to ensure that students continuing on in chemistry have a strong enough background to be successful in future courses. We have seen that students who perform poorly in CHEM 212 continue to perform poorly in subsequent courses, including CHEM 317. Students who do not perform well in lower level courses will not be very successful in future courses given the vertically building nature of the discipline and likely will not be successful in the major or minor if they continue on in it, especially in maintaining the required major GPA of 2.0. In addition, many students who are taking this course as part of a pre-professional program (pre-med, pre-dent, pre-pharm, etc.) need to attain this level of proficiency in this course in order to be successful with their future plans.

This will not impact any general education courses. It impacts both chemistry majors (regular and ACS certified) and the chemistry minor. Students will have to retake CHEM 212 if they do not earn a C in it, so it may cause some students to need to retake the course.

TRANSITION PLAN (describe how will students who are in Catalogs where the course is required for a major be accommodated; attach additional pages if required)

Students who have passed CHEM 212 before this change goes into effect will be allowed to continue on to CHEM 317 even if they did not earn a C. Those students will have to get permission of the department to be able to register for CHEM 317 to override the pre-requisite in the Banner system.

Approvals

Department Chair ___ Leanna Giancarlo

College Curriculum Chair

Date: __8/21/13__________

Expeditied course changes are posted for a 10-class day comment period. If no comments are raised during that time, the proposal becomes final. All expedited proposals approved in this way will be noted on the UCC web site.

If comments are raised, the proposal may be reviewed by the UCC and then approved or it may be returned to the CCC for additional deliberation (as required).

Expeditied Course Change Cover Sheet (July 2013)